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BEDE (BEDA, or BAEDA)

styled the Venerable

The greatest name in the literature of Saxon, England; one of the most distinguished scholars of his age. He wrote homilies, hymns, biographies of the saints, epigrams, grammars, chronologies, and commentaries.

His most valuable work "HISTORIA

ECCLESIASTICA GENTIS ANGLO-
RUM," in

5 books, gives the history of England

A 231; novelized by King Arthur

Othman in Septimonia revolts against
Abd-el-Rahman in Spain. Eudo against
Charles. Othman is crushed; Eudo
submits

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St. GREGORY II was 89th Pontiff
He succeeded Constantine.

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EUDES, Duke of AQUITAINE
asked aid of Charles, son of PIPIN
against Breton invaders

Ecclasiastical History of the English People

Classic Latin History, covering British history from time of Caesar's invasion. Indispensable source on invasion and conversion of Anglo-Saxons and for dates throughout the period by the VENERABLE BEDE (672-May 25, 735)

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Bede published his "HISTORY"

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Bede: The Ecclesiastical History
of the English People

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Bede was almost 60 yrs old in 731 when he published his "Ecclesiastical History of the English People". A monk, teacher and choirmaster at the Saxon-era monasteries of WEARMOUTH and JARROW in Northumbria, he lived far away from the centers of culture and learning (such as they were) in his age. Bede wrote some 60

books in subjects ranging from cosmology,
on the Bible, to words and geography, history,
mathematics, and the calendar. He
penned detailed letters describing the
concept of leap yr; his calculations about
the supposed motion of the sun around
the earth; and his measurements of the
equinoxes. He invented the word
"calculus".

Bede chose to use Dionysius Exiguus's scheme of anni domini to date the events in his chronology in his "HISTORY" - the first time this was done in such a prominent and widely read history. He also agreed with Dionysius's dating of Christ's birth, affirming the SCYTHIAN monk's designation of the YEAR 1 that we still use today.

Before Bede, historians had dated events
using the reigns of kings and emperors.
As like the ancient Greek historian
Herodotus, they simply drew together
their roughly chronological order
with no precision in exactly when
they took place.

Bede figured out how to use the tides to measure the phases and orbit of the moon.

Bede counted with his fingers. There were no calculators etc. When confronted with the need for complex fractions, he simply rounded up or down.

Bede finished his
Ecclesiastical History of the English
People four years before his death
in 735

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East Empire

Last Confirmation of a Papal
election by the emperor of
the East.